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14 September 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : SA/DCI/IA

SUBJECT : Meeting with the STAP, 15 September 1982

1. You are scheduled to meet with members of the STAP at 2:00 tomorrow afternoon.

2. In preparation for your meeting, [] and I met with [] who, as you know, recently took over as the Executive Secretary of STAP. He provided us a copy of the agenda for STAP meetings scheduled on Wednesday and Thursday, and a list of the current members and a one page description of the STAP's mission. These are included under Tabs A and B.

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3. [] gave us also a working paper which describes and gives the status of the various studies and projects currently underway by STAP members. These include:

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-- Technology Transfer. [] has asked the STAP to oversee and advise TTAC's examination of the role of Western technology transfer and Soviet ICBM accuracy improvements.

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-- S & T Personnel Recruitment. This is a subject which you got into with the STAP last June. Les Dirks subsequently provided you with a memorandum explaining CIA's approach to this problem which counters the criticism made by the STAP. Meanwhile, the IC Staff is conducting a study of this issue on behalf of the community.

-- Small Systems R & D. Apparently the STAP members have just about completed an assessment of whether the intelligence community should establish an R & D agency to support basic R & D on small systems. Those STAP members involved may report to you their conclusions. Meanwhile, Les Dirks' June memo also addresses this question.

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-- Phase History Radar Data. STAP is continuing to look into this idea. The IC Staff is providing some comments on where this issue stands.

4. SAFE was a major topic during your June discussion with the STAP. Subsequently, you have agreed to redirect this effort. You may wish to report this to the STAP.

5. Please let me know if there is anything else you would like to have before your meeting tomorrow afternoon. I was impressed with [] initiative in coming over. [] and I encouraged him to be creative in figuring out ways to make the STAP more useful to you. One idea we ought to think about for the next round would be for Evan Hineman and [] to join you as you meet with the STAP in order that those components most directly effected by STAP projects and studies might engage in a real time discussion rather than having to go back and forth via memoranda subsequent to the meetings. Maybe we should chat about this when you return from your trip.

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6. You are scheduled to have a follow-up session with [] Friday morning.

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